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TO AMEMBASSY LONDON

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1. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDING WITH RESPECT TO CHARACTER OF FINAL ACT IS CORRECT AND FULL POWERS IS NOT NEEDED TO SIGN. IT IS ALSO CORRECT THAT CERTIFICATION AS TO AUTHENTICITY OF TEXTS OF CONVENTION AND OPERATING AGREEMENT - AND ANY OBLIGATION WITH RESPECT THERETO - WILL ARISE ONLY UPON SIGNATURE OF THESE INSTRUMENTS NOT SUBJECT TO RATIFICATION, ACCEPTANCE OR APPROVAL, OR UPON ACCESSION.

2. IN VIEW OF FACT THAT SESSIONAL ACTS OF FIRST AND SECOND UNCLASSIFIED

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SESSIONS OF CONFERENCE ARE IN NATURE OF INTERIM REPORTS,

ANY SUBSTANTIVE RECOMMENDATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED AT THOSE SESSIONS SHOULD, IN OUR OPINION, BE REPEATED IN THE FINAL ACT. WE HAVE IN MIND PARTICULARLY RESOLUTIONS 1 AND 2 AND RECOMMENDATIONS 1-4 OF THE SECOND SESSION, RECOMMENDATION 3 BEING IN FACT A RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIRST SESSION. A LESS PREFERABLE COURSE WOULD BE TO INCORPORATE THESE RECOMMENDATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS IN THE FINAL ACT BY REFERENCE. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY DETERMINING FROM IMCO SECRETARIAT HOW IT PROPOSES TO HANDLE THIS QUESTION.

3. DEPARTMENT HAS CONSIDERED POSSIBILITY THAT TEXTS IN FOUR LANGUAGES MAY BE OPENED FOR SIGNATURE AT CLOSE OF THIRD SESSION. WE BELIEVE A MUCH MORE SUITABLE PROCEDURE WOULD BE TO OPEN AGREEMENTS FOR SIGNATURE POSSIBLY TWO MONTHS AFTER CONCLUSION OF CONFERENCE, THEREBY PERMITTING U.S. AND OTHERS TO COMPARE THE FOUR TEXTS. IT WILL BE POSSIBLE, ASSUMING NO MAJOR TEXTUAL CHANGES OCCUR AT THIRD SESSION, FOR DEPARTMENT TO CERTIFY THE AUTHENTICITY OF TEXTS BY OCTOBER 15. WE CONSIDER IT PREFERABLE TO DEFER SIGNATURE RATHER THAN TO ENGAGE IN CUMBERSOME PROCESS OF REVISING TEXTS, SHOULD ERRORS BE DETECTED, AFTER SIGNATURES HAVE BEEN APPENDED. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO INFORM IMCO SECRETARIAT OF OUR STRONG PREFERENCE AND REPORT REACTIONS.
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